

1 gentlemen, GP-11 deals with separation of powers.

2 At the present time, the constitutions of no  
3 less than 40 states contain the separation of powers  
4 requirement in one form or another. The only states  
5 which do not have such provision in their constitutions  
6 are Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, New York, North  
7 Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin.  
8 A few states include this provision in their Bill of  
9 Rights, and this occurred primarily in the constitutions  
10 of the older states along the eastern coast -- Georgia,  
11 Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

12 In nearly all of the other states, the clause  
13 is separately identified under the head of "Distribution  
14 of Powers". Its special importance is recognized by setting  
15 it forth as one of the first articles of the constitution  
16 preceding the articles which outline the establishment  
17 of the judicial, legislative and executive branches.

18 Cases decided by the Court of Appeals under  
19 the separation of power doctrine, as set forth in Article 8  
20 of our present constitution, illustrate that the inclusion  
21 of this article in the constitution has presented a useful